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HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS OPERATION: TALKING POINTS

-- We have followed the progress of the Human Rights Field Office closely since the arrival of Mission Chief Clarence and the first team of monitors early September.

-- Unfortunately, that progress has been only fitful. 15 to 20 monitors have been deployed in the field, although the current plan is to have 100 in place by the end of the year.

-- We are concerned that basic issues have not been resolved:

- o Identification of what UN Agency serves as the field office's logistical base;
- o Comprehensive planning with regard to equipment needs;
- o Adequate training and security for monitors;
- o An action plan setting out monitor role and responsibilities;
- o A reporting protocol for monitors.

-- In sum, the UN Human Rights Operation is still far from achieving its objective of contributing to a process of reconciliation and offering greater confidence to would-be returnees.

-- I would be interested in learning if other governments share our concerns, and if your authorities have been making or will make those concerns known to Geneva.

-- The USG is contributing \$750,000 to the Rwanda Human Rights operation. I would be interested in learning what level of financial support your government has provided or is considering providing.

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